

Interview Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

2837

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview 10-2-02

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1-12

Identification of prior art discussed:

U.S. Patent to ~~6,063,994~~ 6,063,994 to Kew et al.Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant's representative felt the term "dedicated" did not have to appear in the specification. The examiner called attention to 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1). Applicant's representative felt original disclosure supported "dedicated" in claims 7-12 and will consider further arguments thereto. Applicant's representative felt Kew et alii did not have a MIDI interface (claims 1-6), but the examiner pointed to column 4, first paragraph regarding external control of a MIDI environment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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Examiner's signature, if required